IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A system for providing enhanced quality audio streaming, the system comprising:

an audio streaming server providing an audio stream;

a client including a buffer storing at least portions of said audio stream received from said audio streaming server;

a buffer status sensor operative to monitor the contents of said buffer said buffer status sensor comprising an audio sampler sampling portions of said audio stream, wherein said audio sampler is voice command responsive; and

a client audio output enhancer operative in response to an output from said buffer status sensor for providing a modified audio stream output including inserted pre-recorded informational audio segments which were not received from said audio streaming server.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1 and wherein said inserted audio segments comprise advertisements.

6. (Original) A system according to claim 1 and wherein said client comprises a telephone.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) A system according to claim 1 and wherein said client comprises a telephone and an IVR.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) A system according to claim 1 and wherein said client provides a real time output.

11. (Previously Presented) A method for providing enhanced quality audio streaming, the method comprising:

providing an audio stream to a client;

storing in a buffer at least portions of said audio stream;

monitoring contents of said buffer, wherein said monitoring contents of said buffer is performed by a buffer status sensor comprising an audio sampler sampling portions of said audio stream, and wherein said audio sampler is voice command responsive; and

providing a modified audio stream, which includes inserted pre-recorded informational audio segments which were not received in said audio stream, in response to an output from said monitoring.

12-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 11 and wherein said inserted audio segments comprise advertisements.

16. (Original) A method according to claim 11 and wherein said client comprises a telephone.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) A method according to claim 11 and wherein said client comprises a telephone and an IVR.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Original) A method according to claim 11 and wherein said modified audio stream is a real time output.

21. (Previously Presented) A system for providing sophisticated seeking in an audio stream, the system comprising:

an audio streaming server providing an audio stream;

an audio sampler, intermittently sampling portions of said audio stream, wherein said audio sampler is voice command responsive;

an audio sampling store, storing said portions sampled by said audio sampler; and

an audio stream portion navigating seeker operative to sequentially render said portions and operative to insert at least one informational audible tone among said portions rendered thereby.

22. (Original) A system according to claim 21 and wherein said audio sampler is operative to sample complete phrases.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled)

25. (Original) A system according to claim 21 and wherein said audio sampler samples portions which are selected generally periodically.

26. (Original) A system according to claim 21 and wherein said audio stream portion navigating seeker is operative to render via a telephone.

27. (Original) A system according to claim 21 and wherein said audio stream portion navigating seeker is operative to render via an IVR and a telephone.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Canceled)

30. (Original) A system according to claim 21 and also comprising a user operative, seeking responsive audio stream renderer, operative to render the audio stream beginning from a sampled portion selected by a user.

31. (Previously Presented) A method for providing sophisticated seeking in an audio stream, the method comprising:

providing an audio stream;

intermittently sampling portions of said audio stream, wherein said intermittently sampling is voice command responsive;

storing said intermittently sampled portions of said audio stream;

seeking by sequentially rendering said portions; and

inserting at least one informational audible tone among said portions rendered thereby.

32. (Original) A method according to claim 31 and wherein said intermittently sampling samples complete phrases.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Canceled)

35. (Original) A method according to claim 31 and wherein said intermittently sampling samples portions which are selected generally periodically.

36. (Original) A method according to claim 31 and wherein said seeking includes rendering via a telephone.

37. (Original) A method according to claim 31 and wherein said seeking includes rendering via an IVR and a telephone.

38-39. (Canceled)

40. (Original) A method according to claim 31 and also comprising rendering the audio stream beginning from a sampled portion selected by a user.

41. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said client audio output enhancer provides audible cues from a sample of audio selected by a user, enabling said user to better orientate said user with said audio stream.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein said providing a modified audio stream further comprises providing audible cues from a sample of audio selected by a user, enabling said user to better orientate said user with said audio stream.

43. (New) The system of claim 1 wherein said pre-recorded audio segments include at least one of the group consisting of background noise and background music.

44. (New) The method of claim 11 wherein said providing a modified audio stream which includes pre-recorded audio segments include at least one of the group consisting of background noise and background music.

45. (New) The method of claim 31 wherein at least one audio tone includes at least one of the group consisting of background noise and background music.